

27, 2006, with 1 hour of debate equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist Amendment No. 5036 (listed above); provided further, that it be in order to file second degree amendments as provided for under Rule 22, until 11 a.m. **Page S10222**

Geneva Convention Protocol—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following treaty, and that it be placed on the Executive Calendar: Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Treaty Doc. 109–10); further, that this Protocol and the two treaties that remain in Committee be assigned designations of “A”, “B”, and “C” respectively to reflect that three separate treaties were received as part of Treaty Document 109–10. **Page S10219**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011. **Page S10222**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2006. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10222.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NEW BASEL CAPITAL ACCORD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine implications of the New Basel Capital Accord designed to bring order to international capital markets, focusing on developments relating to bank regulatory capital requirements in the United States, including the U.S. implementation of Basel II and updates to regulatory capital rules for market risk, after receiving testimony from Susan Schmidt Bies, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Diana L. Taylor, New York State Banking Department, Albany, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Kathleen E. Marinangel, McHenry Savings Bank, McHenry, Illinois, on behalf of America’s Community Bankers; William M. Isaac, The Secura Group, Vienna, Virginia, former Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and James Garnett, Citigroup, on behalf of the American Bankers Association, and Daniel K. Tarullo, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine International Polar Year, focusing on goals in the Arctic in science and in policy, including Arctic research programs, after receiving testimony from Mead Treadwell, Chair, United States Arctic Research Commission; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; Vice Admiral Robert Papp, Chief of Staff, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Alan J. Parkinson, Deputy Director, Arctic Investigations Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas Armstrong, Program Coordinator, Earth Surface Dynamics Program, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Robin E. Bell, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York, on behalf of Polar Research Board, The National Academies; and Virgil L. Sharpton, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1463, to designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the “Justin W. Williams United States Attorney’s Building”; and

The nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick, United States Army, Colonel Gregg F. Martin, United States Army, Brigadier General Robert Crear, United States Army, and Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, each to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care held a hearing to examine health savings accounts, focusing on early enrollee experiences with the accounts and eligible health plans, receiving testimony from Robert J. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Analysis; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Joseph V. Knight, Setpoint Systems, Ogden, Utah, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Sara R. Collins, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Washington, D.C.; and Eric C. Beittel, Enders Insurance Associates, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

COMBATING CHILD HUNGER

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new initiatives to combat global child hunger and malnutrition, focusing on the intersection of hunger and the HIV/AIDS crisis, after receiving testimony from James Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; George Ward, World Vision, Washington, D.C.; and James T. Morris, United Nations World Food Program, and former Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman, United Nations Children’s Fund, both of New York, New York.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the Dis-

trict of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Federal government’s implementation of pay for performance systems for its senior executives, focusing on the regulatory structure for the systems, the agency certification process, and the effectiveness of the role of the Office of Personnel Management in evaluating and monitoring these systems, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Brenda S. Farrell, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Carol A. Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association, Washington, D.C.

TAX CODE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine uncollected taxes and issues of transparency relating to deconstructing the tax code, focusing on the 2006 updated estimate of the tax gap by the IRS, examine IRS efforts to close the tax gap as well as legislative solutions to increase tax payer compliance, and explore the transparency of the tax code, after receiving testimony from Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, all of the Department of the Treasury; Jay A. Soled, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, Washington, D.C.; Jason Furman, New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York, New York; and Neal Boortz, Atlanta, Georgia.

ILLEGAL INSIDER TRADING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to illegal insider trading, focusing on the scope of the problem and issues concerning criminal enforcement, after receiving testimony from Ronald J. Tenpas, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Linda C. Thomsen, Director of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Robert A. Marchman, NYSE Regulation, Inc., and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, both of New York, New York; Christopher K. Thomas, Measuredmarkets, Inc., Toronto, Canada; Jonathan R. Macey, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; James D. Cox, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the

Third Circuit, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vanessa Lynne Bryant, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Michael Brunson Wallace, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf, including numerous judicial and public witnesses.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert T. Howard, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 6175–6195; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 481–482; and H. Res. 1041 were introduced. **Pages H7496–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7497–98**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 176, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska (H. Rept. 109–681);

S. 244, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming (H. Rept. 109–682);

H.R. 971, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut (H. Rept. 109–683);

H.R. 4377, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project (H. Rept. 109–684);

H.R. 4417, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project (H. Rept. 109–685);

H.R. 5533, to prepare and strengthen the bio-defenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–686);

H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health (H. Rept. 109–687); and

H. Res. 1042, providing for consideration of the H.R. 6166, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war (H. Rept. 109–688).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wamp to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7351**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H7352**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on yesterday, Monday, September 25th:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006: H.R. 5092, amended, to modernize and reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 277 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 476; **Pages H7369–70**

Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection: H. Res. 723, amended, to call on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 481; **Pages H7423–24**

Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan: H. Res. 992, amended, to urge the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 482; **Pages H7424–25**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Supporting the appointment of a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan." **Page H7425**

Commending the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror: H.R. 989, amended, to commend the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War